

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1803

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request funding for STEAM Innovation Center in the fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Louisiana State University Eunice, located at 2048 Johnson Hwy Eunice, LA 70535. The funding would be used for the design and construction of the STEAM Innovation Center, as well as equipment and technology for the agriculture labs and greenhouse. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance the University's capacity for Agriculture research and rural farming advancement in the surrounding areas.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Fund and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code Section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Respectfully,



Member of Congress